

BOARD MINUTES

RANDOLPH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Asheboro, North Carolina

February 12, 2007

Supervisors Present:

Craig Frazier, Chairman
William Alston, V. Chairman
Richard Canoy, Secretary
Amy Hughes, Treasurer
Shaun Hayes, Member

Others Present:

Randy Blackwood, DC
Jenny Parks, Adm. Sec.
Sandra Weitzel, Area Coord.
Barton Roberson, RC&D Coord.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. Frazier welcomed everyone to the meeting. Travel vouchers were signed and returned.

ACTION ITEMS:

The December 11, 2006 Minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of December 11, 2006.

Parks presented the Treasurer's Report. Hughes moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Alston moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to pay the 2007 NCASWCD Dues of \$363.00.

Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to pay the Area 3 SWCD Dues of \$170.00.

Parks presented a NACD Membership Payment Receipt for information.. Randolph SWCD paid \$775.00 to NACD.

Piedmont Conservation Council RC&D Coordinator Barton Roberson gave a brief update of RC&D at this time. Roberson expressed the Randolph County should seek an alternate member for the local RC&D Council – the local Council would be responsible for seeking that individual.

Blackwood gave the NRCS Report as follows:

-Conservation plans for Jim Pendergraph, Harold Gowdy, and Nicholas Craven was reviewed. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to approve the conservation plans for Jim Pendergraph, Harold Gowdy, and Nicholas Craven.

-Weitzel presented three easements that need a conservation plan in order to get tax credits. They are McPherson, Johnson, and Allen. Staff will write conservation plans for each of these.

In the absence of Whitaker, Blackwood gave the NCACSP Report as follows:

-Applications for the following producers were presented for approval: Nick Craven, Craig Macon, Boyd Langley, Marjorie Beeson, Paul Shue, Branson Coltrane, Greg Smith, Michael Beal, Kelly Toth, Boyd Pierce, Ken Cox, Timothy Beck, Alvin Hogan, Ronnie Hinshaw, Ken Austin, April Helton, Mary Small, Johnny Langley, Gary Frazier, Lonnie Saunders, Darrell Wright, Gary Norrod, Kenneth Jones, Rodney Brown, Boyce Asbil, Charles Deaton, G.C. Burgess, Ronnie Reid, Gene Frazier, Robert Brooks, Frankie Kelly, David Pike, Larry McPherson, Tommy Lawrence, Dwight Ritter, Bobby Earnhart, Jimmy Langley, Donna Powers, Randleman High School. Canoy moved, seconded by Alston, the board voted unanimously to approve the applications listed above with the Soil and Water Commission's clarification of Greg Smith, Timothy Beck, Mary Small, Jamie Cross, Rodney Brown,

and Bobby Earnhart application on the 3 year rule. Alston will sign the applications on behalf of Frazier.

Hughes moved, seconded by Canoy to approve the NCACSP Supplemental Allocation Request Whitaker had prepared. A copy is attached to these minutes.

NCACSP Contracts will be presented during the March Board Meeting.

Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously to request billing at one time for Whitaker completing the High Rock Lake Survey.

Frazier shared information regarding the Division working on introducing legislation into the General Assembly that would provide an exemption to the Professional Engineer law for District Technicians who have been granted Job Approval Authority from NRCS. Further information will be shared as soon as it is available.

Frazier reported that the County Manager has approved to provide office space for the Soil and Water Office and NRCS staff (up to 5 people). Arrangements will not begin until the fall of 2007.

Blackwood presented three Voluntary Ag. District Conservation Plans for review and approval. Canoy moved, seconded by Hughes, the board voted unanimously to approve the conservation plans for Peterson, Chriscoe, and Ritter.

Frazier reported that an Enhanced Voluntary AG. District Program has just been approved by the Commissioners.

The Area 3 Spring Meeting will be held in Montgomery County on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at the James Garner Conference Center in Troy. Pre-registration is \$25 per person and Registration at the door will be \$30.00. All supervisors were encouraged to attend.

Alston presented information regarding the NCASWCD Hall of Fame Nominations.

The Conservation Farm Family information packet was distributed. Discussion was had regarding the rule changes for this competition. The first change was discussed at length – “The farm family title being does not apply anymore. It may be a farm family and it may be a corporation or other entity. They decided not to change the title.” Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted a resolution be written stating the Conservation Farm Family should be “farms” and not “a corporation” or “other entity.” Parks will work on this resolution and present it at the March Board Meeting.

Discussion was regarding the voting members during the Annual Meeting Committee Meetings at this time.

Parks presented a quote from Quality Maps for a new 2007 map. The cost for a new map to replace the one in the office would be \$159.50. The board decided not to purchase a new map at this time.

The North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Awareness Day will be held on March 21 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Halifax Mall adjacent to the legislative buildings in downtown Raleigh. All supervisors are encouraged to attend.

Parks presented hotel information for the 64th NCASWCD Annual Meeting January 6-8, 2007 at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Supervisors were encouraged to go ahead and make their reservations as soon as possible to reserve their room.

The City of Asheboro has asked for comments regarding the Malt-O-Meal Project. The supervisors reviewed the information the City had sent. The board had no comments regarding this Project. Alston moved, seconded by Canoy, the board voted unanimously for Whitaker to review the information and comment as necessary.

Information was provided to each supervisor regarding NACD's concern about the President's Budget.

The following consent items were approved:

- ENOTES – NACD (1/9/07, 1/16/07, 1/23/07, 1/3/07)
- NACD News
- Gary Mast – News Release
- NACD Responds to USDA Farm Bill – News Release
- D.G. Martin Chosen as Interim Director of the CWMTF – News Release
- Pink Francis Memorial Scholarship
- NCASWCD 2007 Program Objectives

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Signature

Date of Approved Minutes

The Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be March 12, 2007 at 7:30 a.m.
Federal Building, 241 Sunset Avenue
Asheboro, NC 27203